

Weare Economic Development Committee Minutes - December 1, 2004

The meeting opened at 7:00pm

Present: Joan Couhie, Art Siciliano, Cheryl Elliott, Bob Christensen, Jim Thompson, Heleen Kurk, Alice Morris.

New member Joan Couhie was introduced.

The minutes for the October 27 meeting were approved as amended. Bob Christensen=s name was corrected.

A synopsis of the progress on the Town Hall sign was presented by Jim Thompson. Jim has also talked to Bud Gannon who made the town signs on Rte. 114 and Rte. 77. Bud will give us an estimate on the upkeep of these existing signs.

Announcement: Dunkin= Donuts should open in February.

The real estate report on planning board and zoning rules and regulations was not available. It will be presented and discussed at the next meeting.

Cheryl Elliott reported on what developers are looking for when coming to a new town:

- potential job applicant pool
- services available, such as utilities
- tax base
- available housing and schools (of interest mostly to large businesses)

Bob Christensen reported on his search for the report on the tax impact of commercial development. The old report is not readily available and needs to be found. Heleen Kurk pointed out that we also need to be concerned about the impact on our infrastructure. It was pointed out that PSNH spent time and money to upgrade electrical service in Weare this summer.

There was a wide ranging discussion on the health of some existing businesses, the new businesses in town, and the number of job applicants for some existing job openings. An old survey of what Weare residents would like to see as new businesses was discussed. The most heavily favored business was a supermarket. The question was asked as the how WEDC feels about a supermarket in town. After a discussion of what kind of supermarket and where it might be located (no particular spot was designated), it was decided that members should contact the various supermarket chains in the vicinity to see if there might be any interest in coming to Weare. Bob Christensen is to contact Hannaford=s, Heleen Kurk- the Market Basket, Jim Thompson - Shaw=s and Art Siciliano - Cricenti=s.

WEDC should contact the Department of Resources and Economic Development people for networking and also find out about the economic development classes they offer.

Useful information could be gained from both.

The next meeting will be December 22, 2004 at 7:00

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Minutes prepared by Alice Morris.